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My postage bill runs to $200 weekly average, nearly all the mail going to the USA. Collectors there like to see something of philatelic value on their envelopes. It is impossible to satisfy the demand with what is currently available at the P.O.

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A Unique Floating Post Office

The Daily Colonist, of Victoria, B.C., for Dec. 12, carried an illustration of the floating town of Holbery, which nestles on the waters of Quatsino sound backed by a tree-covered mountain. Seeing this as an item of interest to Popular Stamps, R. M. Angus, of Victoria, wrote us on Jan. 6th, under a cover he sent to the Halberg postmaster for despatching to us from that point. We received this nine days later, which brings Holberg into the orbit of speedy postal service along with more fortunately located mainland post offices. The postmark used is the broken circle variety similar to Jarrett's 253-4-5-6. Philatelically this floating post office earns distinction in regard to location and surroundings. The Colonist article follows:

A floating camp which grew from humble beginnings to become the largest floating town in the world is now providing comfortable quarters for more than 250 families in a northern Vancouver Island logging centre.

Extending a full quarter of a mile along the sheltered shore of Quatsino Sound, the town of Holberg is providing B.C. Pulp & Paper Company's employees and their families with all the necessities and most of the luxuries which were once enjoyed only by the city dweller.

The low bungalows in which Holberg's citizens are housed would do credit to an urban residential area. Every unit is serviced with electricity and boasts both hot and cold running water. The sidings are freshly painted, there are window boxes, lace curtains and flower gardens.

Each bunkhouse employee of the paper company now sleeps in a single room situated close to a bright, modern washroom. His meals are served in a newly-added dining-room, the 50th building to be added to the Holberg community. The hall is located in the centre of the floating village and caters to 260 people at a sitting.

Recreation is provided by a well-equipped pool hall (probably the only floating one in the country) and by the showing of sound pictures once a week. A large measure of self-sufficiency has been provided by the addition of a flating machine

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FLOATING POST OFFICE

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shop, warehouse, firehall and even a cold storage building.

A kindergarten operated by a woman resident has proved popular with the children of this unique, water-borne town and the company is formulating plans for the establishment of a school for primary education.

Abount 4,000,000 board feet of timber is cut each month from Holberg's hinterland to become bleached sulphite pulp at the company's Port Alice mills. Most of the cut is composed of hemlock but a certain amount of spruce is used. Cedar is sold to the lumber companies.

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BY PETER J. HURST

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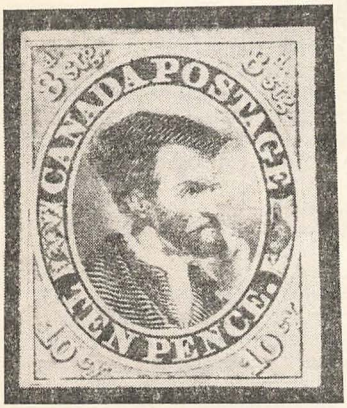
Stamps, in little over a century, have run the gamut from ridicule to triumph, from obscurity to fame, from indifference to obsession. Over the decades they have established their own law and code. Fabulous sums have been expended for their possesssion, and fortunes will be spent on them long after we shall have gone, yet their lure is hidden in the beginner's album and the collection of the advanced expert alike. A slender thread, stamps are woven into the fabric of the generations who have bowed to the fascination of collecting them.



Philately's soul is a concession to man's acquisitive instinct, to his desire for the rare and beautiful. Its joys are in the hunt—the search for the elusive, the pride of possession, the quest for completeness. And its serenity lies in the pangs of the unattainable, too far for reality, too high for hope: the glitter of the great rarities.

Both specialists and general collectors of the postal issues of Canada are heirs to the old and universal challenge for completion. A listing of ultimate obstacles in form of the topmost classics has been outlined in the following.

Undoubtedly the most famous Canadian rarity is the 12 pence of 1851. The crowning pride of the collections containing this stamp, it was printed in black on vertically laid and wove paper, the latter variety being the infinitely scarcer. A total of 1,510 copies were issued, that small initial number accounting for its recognition as a potential rarity even as early as in the sixties of the last century. Possibly a fraction of one tenth to one fifth of the original issue exist today, less than half a dozen pairs representing the only multiples known. Howes, in 1911, reported but three copies on cover, while Jarrett, eighteen years later, quoted five. To date, six different covers have been illustrated in various textbooks and philatelic publications, one of them bearing the stamp on wove paper and believed to be unique. Authentic bisects have never been discovered.

The reason for expressing the denomination in pence—for a considerable length of time a subject of debate—was that the shilling of those days presented a most fluctuating and variable unit, ranging from 15 pence Canadian currency, over 10 pence in New England, to 7½ pence in New York. Thus, "12 pence" removed any monetary ambiguities likely to be encountered. An essay of a one shilling stamp exists, proposed by Sir Sanford Fleming, designer of the 3 pence "Beaver," Canada's first acknowledge adhesive. The color of the essay is black and it closely resembles the 3 pence, excepting its larger size, the octagonal frame and, of course, the denomination. The only one known to exist, it was reported in the collection of Dr. L. L. Reford, of Montreal.

Successor of the framed 12 pence (Scott Nos. 3 and 6) is the 7½ pence green of 1857, issued to a total of 82,410 copies and maintaining the design of the former, the Chalon portrait of Queen Victoria. The Lichten-

stein collection was credited with a magnificent used block of four which Jarrett pronounced possibly unique. The unexcelled Ferrari collection, disposed of by auction in Paris, 1921-25, contained one specimen each of the 10 pence (No. 7) and the 7½ pence (No. 9) with alleged trial perforations, but the cream of experts have never fully established their authenticity. If genuine, they are peerless items.

At least two used blocks of four of the 10 pence exist, illustrated in Howes' and Boggs' books respectively. One or two used blocks of six of the 6 pence are known. The ½ penny (No. 8) survived in unsevered blocks up to ten, both mint and used. Pairs and strips of the 10 pence and the 7½ pence are exceedingly rare. Bisection of the pence issues, rather frequently resorted to in the Maritime provinces, is a phenomenon of the greatest scarcity where the early Canadian emissions are concerned.

The decimal issue of 1859 presents rarities in the form of blocks of four or larger, both perforate or imperforate, mint and used, many in the Jarrett, Lichtenstein and Reford collections. A small number of outstanding covers exist with bisects of the 5-cent and 10-cent.

A highly interesting group, not only from the viewpoint of the subject under discussion, are the "Large Queens" of 1868, the first issue of Confederation. Of the ½c black watermarked (No. 21b) about a dozen used singles are known in collections today, the variety having been discovered about twenty-five years ago. The 2-cent green on horizontally laid paper is, measured in terms of intrinsic value, Canada's rarest stamp endowed with a Scott major listing (No. 32). Only two used copies are in existence, one reposing in the Reford collection. Also on laid paper, a specimen of the 15-cent mauve was reported in 1892, and listed as a definite variety in subsequent catalogues of the period. Today it is considered extinct. A doubtless unique multiple is a splendid mint block of sixteen (8x2) of the 2-cent, showing the complete watermark (No. 24a).

Leading item of the "Small Queens" of 1870 is the 3-cent perf. 12½ (No. 37d), with approximately sixty copies reported, ten of which are on cover.

A constant source of bewilderment to the tyro, the Port Hood Provisionals of 1899 (Nos. 88b and 88c), have persisted in the standard catalogues year after year. Much has been written and argued about them, and it is not proposed here to re-analyze the purpose and justification of that issue, nor to consequently debate its exact philatelic merits. Let it suffice to state that several hundred of these single and double trisects were crudely surcharged in blue and purple, by means of a handstamp, a circumstance which makes their listing in mint condition seem somewhat ludicrous. On cover, with the correct postmark, they are desirable, subject to expertization, adding the fact that some of the finest collections do not contain them at all.

In the vast group of revenues, the $2.00 bill stamp of 1868 with inverted center stands out as Canada's only major invert to date. For a long time it was supposed that one single sheet had been printed, but examinations have indicated two. A used pair is in the Reford collection.

Of the stamped envelopes of 1860, also known as the "Nesbitt" envelopes, the 10-cent entire, used is of far greater scarity than commonly realized.

Among proofs, essays and color trials, several are unique, others of outstanding rarity. A handful of foremost collections contain the precious few complete proof sheets of the pence issues in existence.

Turning to the Provinces, British Columbia and Vancouver Island are found represented with the 5-cent rose imperforate of 1865 (No. 3). Apart from a few dozen singles only one pair is believed to exist. The Lichtenstein collection contained—ex Ferrari—an imperforate copy of the 50-cent violet. A full mint sheet of 240 of the 2½ pence (No. 2), part of the fabulous London "Mayfair Find" of 1925, found its way into the same collection.

The 1851 shilling stamps of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, notably in mint condition, form the scarcest items of these provinces. Of extreme rarity are pairs, and possibly strips

of three, the only multiples extant. Among the many "splits" of the pence issues on cover, a certain few may well be termed potentially rare, in particular those involving the bisection or quadrisection of the shilling stamps.

Of lesser rarity, and a favored subject of philatelic controversy, New Brunswick's Connell emission (No. 11) is a stamp whose total number of printing or issue will probably never be known, due to the highly unusual and irregular circumstances surrounding its breif career. Its true scarcity, however, is greatly overestimated.

Since all but one of the stamps of Prince Edward Island were electrotyped, their printing varieties are legion. A small number of the 3 pence blue were found with double impressions. Five copies of the 2 pence rose exist rouletted. Multiples or correct combinations of perf. 9 stamps on covers to foreign countries are outstanding rarities.

Much more could be written in detailed and extended fashion on this particular topic, and on any and all of the rarities enumerted. Also, there are some that have yet to be discovered, and those that are hidden from the eyes of the world by their owners. A mere attempt, the listing above can lay no claim to completion, for reasons that are self-evident. Sincere and grateful appreciation is expressed to Mr. F. Jarrett, eminent Canadian author and philatelist, for his personal help in adding valuable data to the meager funds of pertinent information available.

Monumental and unsurpassed is the brilliant array of rarities contained in that gem of all gems, The King's Collection in London. Superbly appointed, page upon page, volume after volume, some of its priceless treasures display in full sheets those stamps of the British Empire whose singles are but dreams to most of us. Yet one stamp has always been missing: supreme in fame, philately's most coveted darling, the 1-cent British Guiana of 1856 has never enhanced the greatest British collection on earth.

Strange are the ways of philately, and stranger the fever it imparts to our blood. But its pangs are forever tempered by humble consolation.

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EARLY BANK NOTE COLLECTORS

From time to time Popular Stamps has illustrated copies of early Canadian Bank notes. The connection between these early bank notes and stamp collecting centered around the relationship between the engraving of bank notes and postage stamps. The same engravers did both in many instances.

Among joys of stamp collecting is appreciation of the art in the engraving. It is thus not untoward that we find many stamp collectors also collectors of these early bank notes. The writer is one himself. Following publication of pictures of bank notes in P. S. many have written in about them and we have established contact with a small group with mutual benefit in the collecting of these items.

The writer's thought is that this group could be enlarged with benefit to all. Perhaps a club could be organized to be known as Early Bank Note Collectors as distinct from coin collectors. The object in mind would be, aside from collecting in a distinct field of early Canadiana, to study the art and story connected with the engravers of those early times. All collectors of these items are invited to write A. L. McCready, Cobden, Ont., giving their opinion as to the desirability of such a club. If enough replies are received approving such a step he will be glad to participate in helping organize a club for Bank Note Collectors.

WANTED—Old Canadian Stamp magazines and handbooks. What have you to swap or sell? write before sending. A. L. McCready, Cobden, Ont., Canada. 8-tf

DINKY DAYMUS VARIETIES

BY AUBREY KELSON

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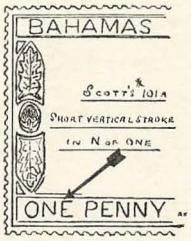
Sketch #242—South West Africa, Scott's J68 postage due with spur at left of numeral. Loaned to us by W. M. Benson.



Sketch #243—Bahamas Scott's 101a with short N in One. Sent us by J. Scott Brooks.

Sketch #244 — Canada Scott's E3 with dot in E of Express. Sent us by R. H. Gollop.

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November 29th, The East Toronto Stamp Club held their 10th Anniversary dinner at Chez Paree, 220 Bloor St. West, Toronto. Bert Nicolle, the President, was in the chair and some seventy-five members and guests were present, including a good percentage of ladies. Messages were received from Aubrey Kelson and Walter Bayley, two charter members who were unavoidably absent, and also Mrs. Crozier who is convalescing after a session in hospital.

Fred Green presented Life Memberships to Miss Ada Baker, Dick Whittington and Fred Morgan, three original members, in appreciation of their many services to the club.

Bill Cafley introduced Dr. Maresch, the speaker of the evening, who gave a most delightful talk on his experiences as a boy, in stamp collecting and travelling and with him visited Austria, Germany, Russia, Persia and England.

Dellow's Hawaiian Drifters entertained with music and song. Bill Cafley and Fred Green put on a stunt. The pianist, Miss Jean Burrows, entertained with two solos. Cyril Woodhead contributed with a humorous reading and a Fun Parade with the assistance of various members of the audience. He ended by inducting Bert Nicolle into the A.O.O.A.P. Alf Scadding, first President of the Club and now Honorary President, drew the Lucky Tickets for the rafle, the winners being, Mrs. R. E. Brown, D. L. Ward and Dr. J. C. Goodwin.

During the evening prizes were given out for all sorts of things, including Lucky Numbers, Hidden Numbers, Door prizes and so on, which all added to the enjoyment of the evening. "Auld Lang Syne" closed the event at 11 p.m.

Anybody Like to Answer Mr. Miller?

I enjoy yaur publication and read all the articles. I am a bit behind in this hobby as I was only bitten by this stamp bug while in Military Hospital after the war. If you were ever stuck for something to write about perhaps some other readers besides myself have often wondered why Canada 136, 137 and 138 were printed imperforate? Also what happened to numbers 185 to 189?—A. H. Miller.

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#7 Those Snuff Tax Stamps

The November issue of POPULAR STAMPS carried an article by Ronald M. Angus entitled "A Rare Canadian 'Snuff Tax' Stamp". Credit is due him for calling attention to these items which have seemed to fail recognition even in catalogs of Tobacco Stamps. But as to rarity—I wonder!

My own collection has a fine copy of each value 1/16 lb. and 1/8 lb. Both are unused without gum, as Jarrett's were reported to be. Both are in dull blue. They are engraved, perforated 12, and are printed on a stout wove paper with a distinct vertical weave, unwatermarked.

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#8 1886 Tobacco Stamps

The Odell-Bond catalog of retail cigar, cigarette and Tobacco stamps lists no series of Tobacco stamps for 1886. There were the long strip stamps of 1883, and then comes the 25x31 mm. size series of 1887. I have a 1/10 lb. tobacco inscribed 1886, similar in size to the 1887 issue, black on white wove. Have any others seen this one, or other values of this series?

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#9 Canadian Patriotics Again

Just in case you are collecting those interesting Canadian Patriotics of the 1898-1902 period, here's something to keep in mind. That "Maple Leaf Revenue" design (a Wilson production) usually seen with the words PATRIA AMAMUS also comes PATRIAM AMAMUS. This is true of both the envelopes and the postcards. So keep your eyes open!

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#10 Patriotic Fund Stamp

My "miscellany" collection was recently enhanced with a mint block of 4, Canada #104, the King George V, 1912 issue 1c green,—very nicely overprinted in two lines PATRIOTIC FUND in small sans-serif caps. Who knows anything about the darn things?

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#11 "Official Stamps" Of Saskatchewan

So much fuss and feathers over OHMS stuff, wondered why nobody got excited over those Canadian Stamps with the large PS perforated initials. They are the "official" stamps of the Province of Saskatchewan. So yours truly got busy and assembled a small collection of used copies. They start with the 1c yellow #105 and come up to date. Counted 67 different issues so perforated. They come normal, inverted, double, reversed and inverted reversed. Even found one double,—inverted and sideways. Oh, hum!

LETTER TO EDITOR

Popular Stamps,
Cobden, Ontario.

Dear Mr. McCready:

Once again I would like to express my appreciation of your fine magazine. "Dinky Daymus Varieties" by Aubrey Kelson has provided many additional hours of pleasure in my hobby. Frank W. Campbell made some very interesting contributions. V. G. Greene in his "Outstanding Canadian Philatelists" has a good subject. News in advance that allows time to get special covers is greatly apreciated, especially when information regarding where and how to send covers is included. Railway cancellations, steamboat markings, First Airmail Flights, Arctic sailings, new Post Offices, are among the interesting sidelines I have a few of besides Flag Cancellations. Thanks for all the interesting items you have printed.—Keith Denis.

Send wrapper label with renewal.

Confederation Stamp of 1917

By M. W. Cryderman

On July 1, 1917 fell due the fiftieth anniversary or Golden Jubilee of the union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick with the Province of Canada, that is, the birth of the Canadian nation. It seemed fitting that this confederation should be celebrated with a special issue of stamps. However the first World War was still raging. Although the United States had entered the war on April 6 and Italy had not yet suffered the catastrophe of Caporetto., the disasters that preceded Russia's withdrawal from the war were already becoming apparent, France lay all but exhausted from her tremendous efforts and on the whole prospects of an early victory were not too bright. Canada at death grips with the enemy and in the throes of a conscription dispute did not feel very jubilant, or justified in issuing a long series of stamps. Perhaps the authorities were a little hesitant on account of the criticism aroused by the 1897 Jubilee series and the derision which greeted the imperialistic bombast of the 1898 Map stamp. A certain amount of caution was engendered by irresponsible example of some countries in issuing countless unnecessary comemoratives, of which Canada's record is remarkably clean. However, with the approval of His Majesty, a single stamp, the 3c brown Confederation stamp, was issued.

It was put on sale on Sept. 15, 1917, to the number of 98,650,000. A departmental notice to postmasters on Jan. 26, 1918, over the signature of E. J. Lemaire, Superintendent, indicates that supplies at Ottawa were exhausted at that time. They were current generally about four months which no doubt accounts for the relative scarcity of used blocks. They were printed by the American Bank Note Co. from twelve plates of two hundred subjects each and were line perforated 12. The die and the two transfer rolls made from it were defaced and dissolved in an acid bath on Nov. 14, 1928. There are die proofs in black on card, and on India die sunk on card. A few imperforate copies, ungummed, perhaps originally a pane of 50, and perhaps printer's waste, are known to exist.

The stamp, of large size in horizontal format, is found in light and dark shades of brown. The figures 1867 and 1917 are found in the upper corners with the words CANADA POSTAGE between them. At either side of the central vignette are oval tablets containing the figure 3; below a symbolical torch and above a spray of maples leaves. Along the base is the word CONFEDERATION. The design of the vignette was adapted from Rupert Harris' "Fathers of Confederation" and was engraved by Edward Gunn. The original painting depicted the Quebec Conference, held in 1864 following the Charlottetown Conference, to consider the possibility of bringing all the British Colonies in that part of North America into one union with the idea that in union lies strength, prosperity and political maturity. Here were the giants of Canadian history, Sir John A. McDonald, D'arcy McGee, Georges Etienne Cartier, E.P. Tache, Geo. Brown, A T. Galt, Oliver Mowat, Dr. Tupper, S. L. Tilley, Peter Mitchell seated before the great windows of the old parliament building at Quebec, overlooking the mighty St. Lawrence River. This picture formerly hung in the Railway Committee Room of the parliament building at Ottawa but was unfortunately burned in the fire which destroyel the buildings in 1916. An original charcoal drawing still exists however.

Harris protested that he had not been consulted about the use of his picture and that only part of it had been used in the design. Actually the original picture had contained all of the 33 Fathers of Confederation but in the adaptation one had been left out at the left and seven at the right. The official explanation was that it was impossible to obtain a satisfactory design including all the figures owing to the limitations of space and the necessity of maintaining the proper artistic balance. This excuse is however unaccceptable unless we conclude that Harris himself was deficient in that aspect of artistic abil-

ity. Balance is not a question of mathematics only. In addition the 2c 1927 Confederation stamp included all the figures without detriment to the artistic balance of the design.

Rupert Harris, C.M.G., was born in Wales in 1848 and came to Charlottetown in 1856. After studying in Rome, Paris and London, he became one of Canada's foremost painters. He was president of the Royal Canadian Academy from 1893-1906 and won awards at the International Exposition at Paris, the Columbian Exposition at Chicago, the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo and the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis. He died in 1926 .

This single stamp, in sombre brown, was perhaps not adequate to commemorate such an auspicious occasion as Canada's Golden Jubilee. But such is war. However in 1927 the beautiful series of five stamps issued to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee made up for it.

References:—Canadian Post Office Dept., Jarrett, Boggs.

PRINCE CHARLES HAS FIRST STAMP ALBUM

I feel sure your readers will be interested to know that our new Prince Charles of Edinburgh has his first stamp album. It is an F.G. Series Gold Medal De Luxe edition, in full bound blue padded Morocco leather with leaves of the finest hand-made paper. The album is the standard F.G. De Luxe with the exception of the box case, which has been specially covered in Morocco leather to match the album.

The first stamps to be mounted in the Prince's album are a series of Empire issues all showing the portrait of his mother, H. R. H. Princess Elizabeth. These stamps have been given to the baby Prince by the children of Dartford, Kent. Each child in the town gave a penny towards the cost of the stamps. The title page of the album is suitably inscribed in Old English lettering in red and black.

"To His Royal Highness
Prince Charles of Edinburgh,
With loyal greetings
From the children of Dartford, Kent.

The idea of the gift was entirely due to overhearing the coversation of some children looking in the window of Messrs. Lofts, the local stamp dealer's shop. "I do wish we could buy a present for the baby Prince. He would like those pretty stamps with the picture of the Princess. Shall we buy one and send it to him."

The little innocent remarks were an inspiration. A 'penny per child' fund was organised and the response was remarkable. Every child in Dartford joined in. It was their own gift to the baby Prince. The album and stamps were on view at the Town Hall for all to see before the presentation took place by a number of childen at Buckingham Palace.

WASCANA SOCIETY

Out in Regina, Saskatchewan, we learn that the Wascana Philatelic Society there has had a great year. Harold S. Brown, has just been elected as president at their recent annual meeting. Harry L. Nichol is vice-president and R. Doxsee, secretary-Treasurer. A brief history relates:

The club has been active for over 25 years, and though it was tough sledding thru' the war years, at least a hand-full attended regularly. They are now going stronger than ever with around 50 members, with this last year in particular showing a great increase in interest and members so that now they have most, if not all of Regina's prominent collectors as members.

They sponser a Junior Club that meets each week in the Y with Mr. Bert Gray as the director.

Last year they presented a trophy for annual competition to the Y.M.C.A. Boys' and Girls' Fair—which is held there each spring. The trophy is for the best all around collection entered, and a small replica of the trophy is the permanent property of each yearly winner.

They are looking forward to 1949 as their best year yet, and a number of members who do not already belong, will be joining the C.P.S. The Society meets every Sunday at the Y.M.C.A. and a cordial invitation is extended to all philatelists to visit them there.

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DONATION AUCTION

Printed circulars have gone out to members and friends of the C. P.S. to participate in this grand donation auction, in order to strengthen the financial position of the society. To date many donations of suitable philatelic items have been received.

This will be a mail and floor bid auction, to be held in Toronto during February. Printed lists will be mailed to all members in time to give everyone a chance to bid.

Special philatelic prizes will be awarded to contributors as outlined in the circular.

It is trusted that proceeds from the auction will assist the society in greater service to its members.

LOW DENOMINATIONS

By Aubrey Kelson

The subject we discuss is really not a problem but the continuity of a condition which happens automatically when color and perforation changes take place in so many of our issues. It is sufficient only to mention George 6th issues to get a glimpse of exceptional price advances which so many stamps have obtained since 1938.

If you want enlightment as to what some low denominations have advanced to during the past ten years, then browse through some George 6th issues of the British Empire and see for yourselves what has happened to many stamps in these categories. Collectors who use in addition to Scott's the Gibbons catalog find themselves well repaid and ahead of others in obtaining much detailed information, for in individual listings many scarce perforations are named separately and not bunched together as we find in Scott's. When one is faced with such remarkable changes in the space of only a few years, it becomes easier to appreciate why we have in our midst so many collectors who put away blocks of four up to the one shilling denomination in so many of our issues.

From a standpoint of interest let us travel through some of the countries, note the listings and the spectacular advances which have taken place. In perusing the list we find for a small denomination a topnotcher is the 3d stamp of Ascension which for a face value of only six cents has hit a catalog value of $7.50, the greatest gain for small face values of any in the list. For a substantial advance in the matter of an issue we get quite a jolt when we review the listings of 1938 for Seychelles, these 14 stamps now catalog $51.10 for an original face value of roughly four dollars, with the one rupee cataloging $20.

Collectors who passess in blocks of four many on the list have really got

something and within the next few years may find many of them out of ordinary reach and a philatelic bonanza for their owners. The list of all noteworthy changes follows, look them up and then check your collections to see how many you possess.—Ascension 41, 44. Australia 168, 183. Bahamas 101, 103, 105. Barbados 193, 194, 195, noting the 1939 tercentenary set with a face value of 17 cents catalogs $3.00. Bermuda 120, 121. Br. Solomon 73. Burma 27. Cyprus 145,147, 148. Falklands 85a, 89. Fiji 119, 120, 122, 123, 129. Gambia 134, 135. Gibraltar 108, 109, 110. Hong Kong 160, 161 and note the compound perfs. Iraq 86 the 10 fils now at $3.00. Jamaica 120. Malta has six in color changes. Newfoundland 257a, New Zealand 238 244. No. Rhodesia 27, 28. Nyassaland 56. St. Helena 119 and 122 at $6.00. St. Lucia 112, 114. St. Vincent 145. Sierra Leone 175, 176, 179. So. West Africa 212. Straits Setts 239a, 239b, 245a, 262. Trinidad & Tobago 52, 53. Turks & Caicos 85, 86.

We are all so familiar with changes in our Canadian stamps that I did not mention them. At best I may have missed mentioning a few. This is confidential re those issues of Seychelles don't send to me for them in blocks of four, they're not at home.

HAD STAMPS READY

A newspaper clipping received from New Zealand late in 1948 shows pictures of a proposed issue of new Zealand stamps for the Royal visit. They are indeed handsome but, possibly, these will never be sold now in view of the indifferent health of the King and postponement of the visit indefinitely. The clipping reads:—Stamps for Royal Visit.—These designs are to be used to commemorate the visit of the King and Queen and Princess Margaret to New Zealand next year. The twopenny stamp shows the Treaty House at Waitangi, the threepenny H.M.S. Vanguard, the fivepenny the Royal visitors, and the sixpenny the Crown and sceptre.

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127,29,30	1920 3 Prov's	
131-44	1923 Pictorials	
145-59	1928 Publicity	
160	1929 3 on 6c	
163-71	1929 Re-engraved	
172-82	1931 Pub. Wmk.	
183-10	1931-7 Industrial	
212-25	1933 Gilbert	
230-32	1937 Coronation	
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253-66	1941-3 Perf 12½	
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By W. Stanhope

Do you want a full time stamp job? If you do, turn to the penny red imperforates of G. Britain. There were 170 different plates used in its production. The first 125 had a different style of corner lettering from the last 45. Since these letters were punched on the plates by hand punches, all sorts of inregularities are found in them. They lean left or right; they are near the tops or bottoms or sides of their little squares. These are tall D's and dumpy ones. The E's and B's vary. Some N'S and F's and T's are without feet or serifs. Groups of plates have oval O's or square footed J's, others have round O's and rounded T's. Several inverted S's may be found.

The differences are often clues to their plate numbers. Some plates were used and cleaned so often that their later impressions gave the stamps a worn look and the corners and sides of the stamps were faint or even missing. These corners and sides were then recut, some on all four sides (plates 76 and 90), others only on some sides or corners or even only half a side, making another endless variation. Some recut frames extended above or below the regular sides.

The roller which impressed the image on the dates also developed flaws, small parts of the frames being missing in the same spot in certain groups of plates. The famous O flaw was perhaps a roller flaw.

In its first years of life it was cancelled with a Maltese Cross. London had its own Cross with numbers from 1 to 12 in the centre. Several towns had crosses which varied from the standard pattern. After 1844 towns were numbered althabetically. Those beginning with A starting with single numbers till the number of post towns got up to over 900 and the stamps were cancelled with this town numbers, thus Liverpool was 466. Irish and Scottish towns had numbers too, but these were enclosed in quite distinctive frames. Black ink was used but here and there coloured inks were used by error or design and examples of these are not plentiful.

Then there is the colour of the stamp itself. It is quite possible to get from 20 to 25 quite distinct tones varying from a deep greenish red to a very light reddish brown.

Now just take a look at a good unused copy of this stamp. If you can find one, and agree with me that it is beautiful and will well repay your study for I have only given you the barest outline of the endless variations to be found in it.

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Quaiti	—	—	.14	.20
Antigua	.25	.30	.14	.20
Ascension	.20	.25	.15	.25
Australia	—	—	.25	.25
Bahawalpur	—	—	.80	2.00
Bahamas	.25	.30	.14	.20
Barbados	.20	.25	.15	.20
Basutoland	.20	.25	.45	.65
Bechuanaland	.20	.25	1.25	1.40
Bermuda	.20	.25	.14	.20
Br. Guiana	.20	.25	.14	.20
Br. Honduras	.20	.30	.14	.20
Br. Solomon	.20	.30	.14	.25
Burma	—	—	.30	.30
Canada	.06	.02	—	—
Cayman	.20	.25	.14	.20
Ceylon	.20	.25	.14	.20
Cook Is.	.25	.35	.35	.50
Cyprus	.20	.25	.15	.25
Dominica	.20	.25	.14	.20
Falkland	.20	.25	.20	.25
Falk. Deps.	—	—	.20	.30
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More Canadian Place Names

By Dr. Alfred Whitehead

The article in the November issue of POPULAR STAMPS, by my old friend, Ronald Angus, on B.N.A. Place Names delighted me. It must have delighted many readers. There is a wealth of interest in Canadian place names and collectors of postmarks could easily find material to make up many a page which would introduce a welcome lightheartedness to contrast with the almost universal seriousness of philatelic studies. Mr. Angus recommends sending to the King's Printer at Ottawa for the "Canadian Official P. O. Guide". They can also obtain from the same source excellent pamphlets on the place names of Manitoba and Alberta; these booklets are only 25c each and are worth getting. I only wish that similar booklets on the place names of other provinces were obtainable.

Mr. Angus cites Garden of Eden among the place names of Nova Scotia. There is also Paradise. (There is also a Paradise in his own province of British Columbia. And I well remember another little Paradise—not so named—where I visited Ronald Angus on Vancouver Island many years ago. Do you remember, Ronald? We spent the evening plating British Penny Reds of 1857, in the company of quite a number of keen collectors of G. Br.) Quite improperly the Garden of Eden and Paradise of Nova Scotia are widely separated. It would take many hours of travel by road to link up the two tiny places. And that reminds me of a curious fact somewhat similar. I am writing in Eastern New Brunswick. From my window I can see an arm of the Bay of Fundy, and beyond, twenty or thirty miles away, some of the low hills (scarcely mountains) of N.S. Just a mile from here a friend of mine can, when the visibility is good, see the famous Cape Blomidon, mentioned in "Evangeline,,. Yet, owing to certain geographical features it takes twelve hours to get there by rail!

Paradise, N.S., and Garden of Eden, N.S., would look well on the same page. The page would be perfect if we could add Hell. But so far as my information goes this would have to come all the way from Norway.

In British Columbia the most interesting group of place names will be found on the C.P.R. between Brodie and Hope. Some lover of Shakespeare made a happy choice here and gave us Othello, Lear, Jessica, Portia, Iago, Romeo, Juliet. It should be noticed that Othello and Iago are quite properly separated (they are twenty miles apart), whilst Romeo and Juliet have not a thing between them.

Ontario's Go Home does sound inhospitable, as Mr. Angus points out. I am amazed to find it is in the lovely Muskoka district, to which thousands of holiday-makers flock every year. Ironically enough, Welcome, also in Ontario, is a dreary, unattractive little place on the highway from Montreal to Toronto. I know it well, having motored through it many times.

French-Canadian parish priests have left their mark on many place names in Quebec. When a place originally English has become predominantly French (and sometimes even before that point is reached) the reverend father tacks on to the original name the saint's name of the parish church. Then we get such names as St. Guilliaume d'Upton, St, Hippolyte de Kilkenny, Ste. Anne de Stukely, etc. Such names abound and the English place names of Quebec are fast disappearing.

In addition there are such names as St. Louis de Ha Ha and St. Denis de la Bouteillerie. Both of these smack of jolly and pleasant things. The gem of all Quebec places names, however, is Le Sacre Coeur de Jesu Christ de Crabtree Mills. Unfortunately this delightful creation is too much for the P.O., which lists it still by its old name, Crabtree Mills.

I wonder if Mr. Angus is interested in variants of place names. Does he know of Esquimaux Point, P.Q., so like to his near-by Esquimalt?

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T.S.C. CLUB NOTES

The Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club held their annual Christmas Party on Thursday evening, December 16th, at the Royal York Hotel, with a large number of the members present. Visitors Gordon Ferguson of the Ottawa Philatelic Society and A. H. Brophey of Montreal were welcomed. President Walter S. Bayley acted as Master of Cermonies and conducted a spirited auction of some 67 fine lots, proceeds of which amounting to $195, to go to establish a speaker's Fund. The lots auctioned were donated by various members of the club. After a jolly evening, about twenty adjourned to Murray's Restaurant for a Dutch Supper.

Christmas Greetings were received by the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club from Henry Ades Fowler, now living at Hartford Mich. Mr. Fowler is the only living chartered member of the club. He joined and was present at the first meeting in October 1892.

Invited are any and all Canadian collectors who are going to Britain next year to go to Edinburgh April 20th to 24th inclusive, North British Hotel for the annual convention, banquet and exhibition of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Gt. Britain. All are welcome and will be assured of a good time. The lone Canadian there last year was Gerald Wellburn but then we were capably represented. Any who can visit there then and who want to get in touch with the executive so as to insure their finding their way about, contact Mr. C. Aikins, 45 Armstrong Ave., Toronto 4, Ont.

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She was widely known to philatelists in Toronto, Ottawa and other parts and was one of the oldest members of the C.P.S. In looking over the last year book it will be found there are only six with a lower membership number than hers. She had been interested in stamp collecting all her life and, when at Port Hope had organized a club for the boys at Trinity College School. On her return to England her activities continued and she became a member of the local club there.

Although in failing health for the past year, she continued her interest in her correspondence with friends here and was always pleased to receive first day covers of Canadian and U.S.A. issues. Her main interest in stamps was Canada and British Colonies and had a specialized collection of Malta. She endeared herself to her many friends by little acts of thoughtfulness and no trouble was too much for her to assist young beginners.

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Ive been looking over same of the past issues of Popular Stamps magazine, and I've enjoyed re-reading them as much as I did the first time. —Lois O'Connor.

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Extract from F. W. Pollock's "Canada Corner" Nov. 6, 1943.

SASKATOON STAMP CLUB

The above club at their December meeting held a social evening. Mr. Cassell, one of the newest members told of his experiences in Singapore, Straits Settlements, from 1910-1946 and how he built up a stamp collection to lose it when Singapore was overun by the Japs. Mr. Cassell is now building up another collection. He also spoke about his three years as an internee of the Japs. The same evening two films were shown loaned by the C.P.S., one depicting Canada as shown on its stamps and the other how Canadian stamps are made.

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